

Remarks

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the helpful suggestions and discussions during several teleconferences regarding this application. The substance of the teleconferences is reflected in the amendments to the claims and the remarks which follow.

With reference first to the claims, specifically Claims 23 and 24, the Examiner had questioned, with respect to the description of the X group, whether the language "which may be linked to any carbon atom" was redundant. As discussed, the language in question is aimed at making it clear that the X grouping need not be straight chain in the sense that the oxygen atom had to be attached at a terminal carbon atom. Stated differently, the X grouping could have a variety of structures, e.g., it could be a C₆ straight chain hydrocarbon in which the oxygen group was attached to an intermediate carbon atom. While it may well be that the language in question may be slightly redundant, it is respectfully submitted, and as it is believed the Examiner agrees, it more specifically defines the form that the X grouping may take.

Turning to Claim 18, that claim has been amended to recite that the method is for preparing a mixture containing a glycol ether. This language merely clarifies what it is believed Claim 18 stated as originally presented.

Lastly, with respect to Claim 22, that claim has been amended to recite "mixture" instead of "aluminum compound."

Per the Examiner's request, also submitted with this Amendment is a substitute specification. The substitute specification incorporates all prior amendments to the specification and accordingly no marked-up version is believed necessary. No other amendments were made to the substitute specification.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance which is hereby earnestly solicited and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

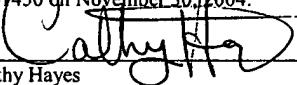

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